



Service Matters

Casinos on the Bay Area Landscape

With state and local budgets under strain, casino business dollars are attractive to cities and counties alike. Recent multiple proposals by tribal governments to build urban casinos within the Bay Area have raised a series of local government concerns related to land use, regulations, social impact, and government-to-government relationships with tribal representatives. Some cities have embraced the casinos, others have opposed proposals. ABAG's Spring General Assembly, "Casinos on the Bay Area Landscape," held on April 28, 2005, in San Francisco, provided an open forum to explore tribal government issues and local government concerns about casinos.

Approximately two hundred attendees representing city and county government, tribal governments, tribal members, business and community stakeholders engaged in discussion about existing and potential casino development. The conference also included an ABAG Business Session

where member city and county delegates approved the 2005-2006 Budget and Work Plan.

In his opening remarks, **I. Nelson Rose**, a leading authority on gambling and the law, indicated that it is essential to understand IGRA (Indian Gaming Regulatory Act) which Congress enacted in 1988 to legalize tribal gaming operations on reservations. Rose noted that there

were many stipulations and guidelines about reservation casinos, newly acquired lands, and "the arduous process of approvals at local, state, and federal levels." This process means that proposals, especially those in urban areas, would not necessarily be successful. **Daniel Kolkey**, Governor Schwarzenegger's lead negotiator for tribal gaming compacts, reminded the audience that even though the Governor is opposed to "Las Vegas style

gambling in metro areas, he is bound by federal law to negotiate in good faith with tribes."

From the tribal government perspective, **Chris Devers**, Chairman of the Pauma Band of Luiseno Indians, and a director of California Tribal Business

Alliance, outlined for attendees the history of California tribes scattered and placed on lands with little attraction for economic investment, which is a necessity for economic development and individual tribal self sufficiency. **Anthony**

Miranda, Chairman of the California Nations Indian Gaming Association, and first Vice President of Pechanga Development Corporation, described the economic role of casino development, their sovereign government compact and agreement process, and the scope of its revenue sharing and efforts to meet infrastructure and environmental requirements and impacts. "In creating economic development, you are seeing a resurgence of pride in the culture and in our tribes," he added.

Left to Right Scott Haggerty, ABAG President, Alameda County Supervisor; Chris Devers, Board of Directors, California Tribal Business Alliance; Anthony Miranda, Chairman, California Nations Indian Gaming Association; and I. Nelson Rose, Professor, Whittier Law School, State of California Gambling Policy Advisory Committee; Dave Cortese, ABAG Vice President, San José City Councilmember; Spring General Assembly Audience



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Census Conference, "Measuring Metropolis"

City and County staff and elected officials are invited to attend a Census Research Conference entitled "Measuring Metropolis," sponsored by ABAG and MTC. Presentations will feature how Census data and available special research tools can be used by regional and local planners. How to use the Public Use Micro Data Sample (PUMS) DVD and the Advanced Query System to extrapolate Census data will be demonstrated. The conference also features an overview of Journey-to-Work Analysis maps and data, Migration Patterns in the Bay Area, American Community Survey data, and Census 2000 Digital Atlas for the Bay Area. The conference will be held on **Thursday, June 23**, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Joseph P. Bort MetroCenter Auditorium, 101 8th Street in Oakland, and is **free**. However, registration is required.

To register, go to www.abag.ca.gov or call (510) 464-7900.

An E-MEMO Takes the Pulse of Regional Water Planning

The ABAG/CalFed Task Force and Bay Area Water Forum is in high gear and news of its work can be found in a new on-line *E-Memo* at the Task Force/Water Forum web pages: <http://calfed.abag.ca.gov/news.html>. This new *E-Memo* has been crafted to reflect the diverse set of interests and issues facing the Bay Area in developing a high level discussion around regional water management and planning.

The *E-Memo* typically features news of the Task Force/Water Forum, western regional drought and water supply news, regional water planning and development news, funding news, highlighted sections on water and land use and watersheds. If you need to connect with organizations and agencies dealing with water management, water quality, watersheds, and water planning, this is the place to find quick links to informative web pages of information. For more information about the Task Force, contact Kathleen Van Velsor, ABAG/CALFED Task Force Project Manager and Senior Environmental Planner, at 510/464-7959.

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In his introductory remarks, ABAG Vice President **David Cortese, San Jose Councilmember**, pointed out that this complex issue is one of geography and culture, as well as jurisdictional boundaries and inter-jurisdictional impacts. Case studies from Yolo County by **Supervisor Mike McGowan** and Palm Springs **Mayor Ronald Oden** showed how compacts, agreements and MOUs address the physical and infrastructure impacts of both the incoming casino and the affected jurisdictions. Supervisor McGowan said it was "necessary to create a new paradigm for local government negotiations with tribal government." This new paradigm is seen in the efforts of SANDAG and SCAG, Southern California councils of governments, who are examining tribal representation in their membership and have staff members who work as tribal liaisons.

As part of a response panel moderated by **Tom Vacar, KTVU Fox 2, Oakland Councilmember Jean Quan** discussed the negative social impacts of casinos and gambling, citing many studies nationwide and statewide documenting these impacts. She was joined by **Mayor Shelia Young** and **Santa Rosa Councilmember Steve Rabinowitsh** in questioning the social and land use impacts of casinos.

The General Assembly was a regional dialogue about how to reconcile tribal needs for economic development with local government concerns about land use and impact of gaming on urban communities. The common goal shared by both tribal leaders and government officials was to advance the quality of life for their community members. Continuing a productive dialogue and building mutual respect relationships, government to government, was concluded to be a priority. ABAG will continue to follow this issue and determine the most appropriate role for the agency. For more information and handouts from the Conference, call ABAG at 510/464-7922.



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Palm Springs Mayor Ron Oden,
Solano County Supervisor Duane
Kromm, and Daniel Kolkey,
Governor Schwarzenegger's lead negotiator
for tribal gaming compacts

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KTVU Consumer Editor Tom Vacar and
City of Rohnert Park Mayor Jake Mackenzie

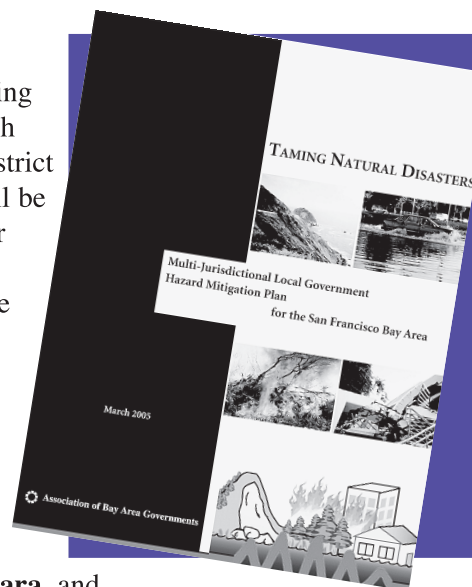
Blueprint to Tame Natural Disasters Adopted

A regional blueprint to tame natural disasters has been developed by ABAG to help cities, counties, and special districts. The ABAG Executive Board adopted on March 17th the new ABAG report, ***Taming Natural Disasters***, as the “Multi-jurisdictional Local Hazard Mitigation Plan for the Bay Area.” This Plan helps local jurisdictions and special districts fulfill the requirements of the federal Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (DMA 2000), which stipulates that local jurisdictions must have a Local Hazard Mitigation Plan to be eligible to receive FEMA hazard mitigation funds. The Plan also does something equally as important – it provides a blueprint and directory of best practices for cities, counties, and special districts as they work together to mitigate disasters associated with natural hazards like earthquakes, floods, firestorms, landslides, and droughts.

The goal of the mitigation plan is simple – ***To maintain and enhance a disaster-resistant region by reducing the potential loss of life, property damage, and environmental degradation from natural disasters, while accelerating economic recovery from those disasters.*** Specifically, the plan calls on cities, counties, and special districts to increase the disaster resistance of the infrastructure, health, housing, economy, government services, education, environment, and land use systems in the region. The Plan provides a multi-jurisdictional template and, with ABAG technical assistance, the risk and vulnerability tools necessary to create a specific annex

for the individual jurisdiction or district. The plan and annex tools are the result of many targeted workshops on hazard mitigation issues conducted throughout the Bay Area with jurisdictions and special districts the past six months.

Over the next three coming months, using this “blueprint” each city, county, and district in the Bay Area will be setting priorities for various strategies designed to mitigate natural hazards. FEMA has already approved ten annexes resulting from this effort: from the cities of **Alameda, Gilroy, Milpitas, Santa Clara, and Sunnyvale**; the city and county of **San Francisco and Santa Clara County**; BART, MTC, and ABAG. This hazard mitigation planning effort is a fitting use of public policy to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the 1906 San Francisco earthquake in 2006. *For more information, contact Jeanne Perkins, ABAG Earthquake and Hazards Program Manager, 510/464-7934, JeanneP@abag.ca.gov.*



One Million Jobs at Risk: The Future of Manufacturing in California

California ranks as the largest manufacturing state in the nation, with 70% more jobs than the next largest state, Texas. The Bay Area is positioned as one of the state's leading manufacturing areas. However, in the past several years more than 200,000 manufacturing jobs have been lost due to economic conditions, increased productivity, falling exports, and production moving to other states and nations. It is forecast that California risks losing many more jobs, as companies seek lower taxes, cheaper energy, and less burdensome regulation.

The Bay Area Economic Forum's (BAEF) newest report, ***One Million Jobs at Risk: The Future of Manufacturing in California***, outlines strategies that both businesses and government can follow to preserve a viable manufacturing base and up to one million jobs in the state. Businesses can realize large cost savings by implementing new manufacturing techniques. Many can also better measure

their savings from lower labor costs overseas, against the savings and efficiency that comes from short supply chains when manufacturing is done close to home. Government can promote production in California by addressing workers' compensation, energy, tax and a range of regulatory issues that drive up costs. It can also give better focus to its investment in education and workforce training to ensure that companies can access workers with the specific skills they need to compete.

Prepared with support from McKinsey & Company, and in partnership with the California Manufacturing and Technology Association, Silicon Valley Leadership Group and the Semiconductor Industry Association, the report also reflects the insights and experiences of representatives from higher education, labor, and both small and large companies. *The full report is available and can be downloaded on the web at www.bayeconfor.org.*

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

May 2005

May 18 8:30 a.m.
New Housing Laws: Changes and Impacts
 MetroCenter, Auditorium

May 19 3:30 p.m.
Legislation & Governmental Organization Committee Meeting
 MetroCenter, ABAG Room 106B

May 19 5:00 p.m.
Finance and Personnel Committee Meeting
 MetroCenter, ABAG Room 106B

May 19 7:30 p.m.
Executive Board Meeting
 MetroCenter, Auditorium

May 27 10:00 a.m.
ABAG/BAAQMD/MTC Joint Policy Committee
 MetroCenter, Auditorium

June 2005

June 23 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
ABAG and MTC Census Research Conference, "Measuring Metropolis"
 MetroCenter, Auditorium

New Housing Laws: Changes and Impacts Half-day Workshop

Wednesday, May 18, 2005
8:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon

MetroCenter Auditorium
 101 Eighth Street, Oakland

Learn about three new housing laws and their impacts on local government:

AB 2158: Housing Need Allocation Methodology; **AB 2348:** Site Selection; **SB 1818:** Density Bonuses

Speakers include Cathy Creswell, Deputy Director, California Housing and Community Development Department (HCD), city attorneys, planning directors, and legislative advocates.

Registration fee is \$15

(includes continental breakfast and program materials)

Register online at

<http://www.abag.ca.gov/abag/events/housing>.
 For more information, call 510/464-7900.

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Notable Numbers

108

Is the number of tribes in California that have federal recognition and 50 tribes are petitioning for federal recognition.

989,643

Tribal acreages have been identified by federally recognized California tribes.

51,385

People belong to 96 federally recognized tribes in California.

65

Is the total number of Tribal-State Gaming Compacts in California.

25

Casinos are currently proposed in California and there are 54 existing Indian gaming casinos in California.

Four

Casinos are currently proposed in the Bay Area and there is one existing casino in the Bay Area.

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